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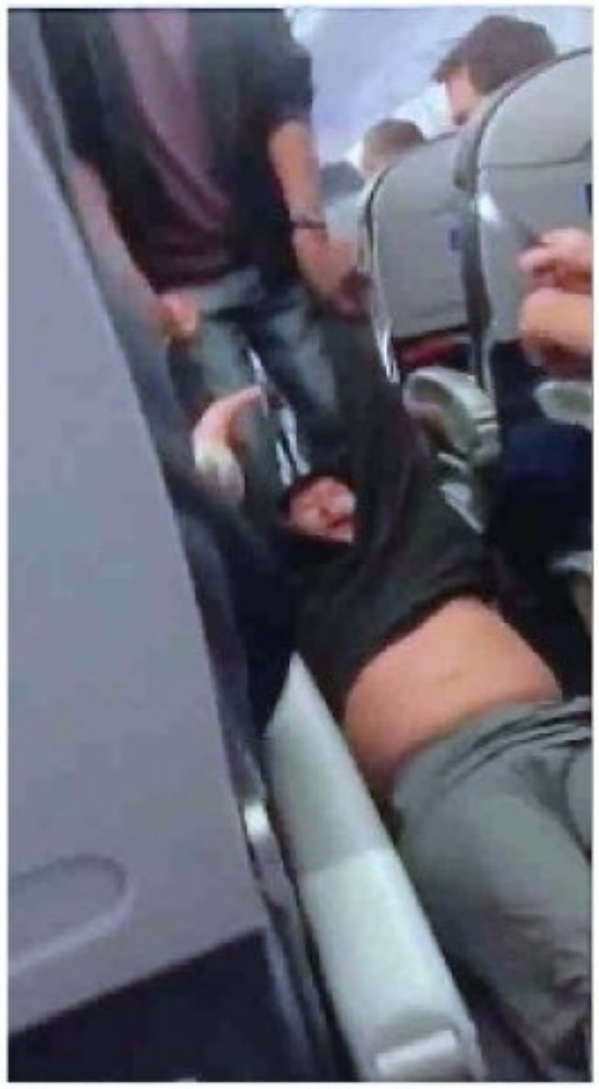

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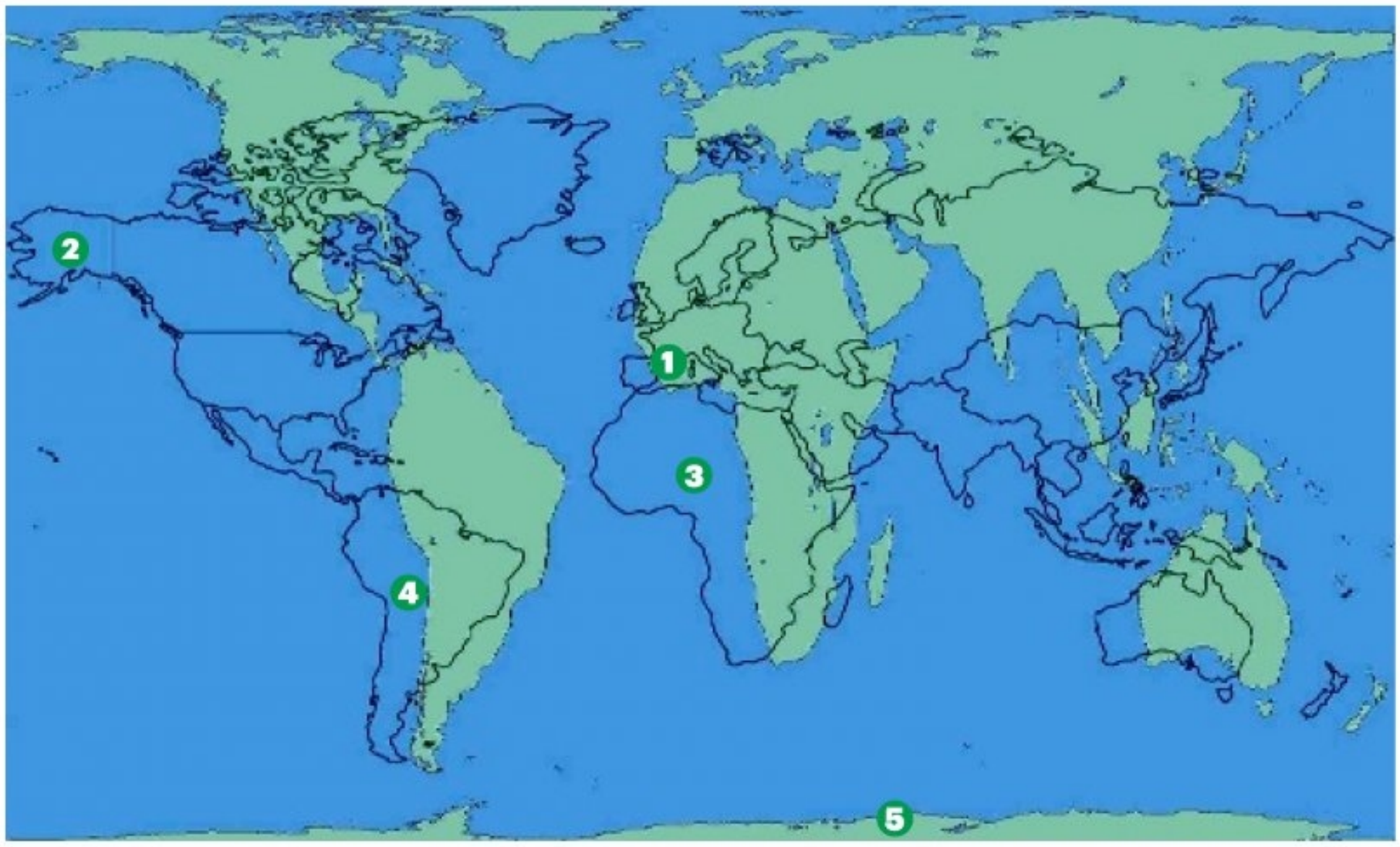
'Terrible mistakes of the past' must not be repeated, Trudeau says on solemn trip. **Canada**



Map mistakes

Things the Mercator projection gets wrong, and other maps have tried to correct:

1. **Europe** is enlarged and placed in the top centre of the world map.
2. **Alaska** looks almost as large as the entire U.S.
3. **Africa** is squished and looks the same size as Greenland.
4. **South America** looks as large as Europe.
5. **Antarctica** appears to be the largest continent on earth.

Boston Public Schools recently switched from Mercator (black outline) to Gall-Peters (green) world maps in their collection. A Toronto school trustee says we should do the same. CONTRIBUTED

The world, as we should see it

SCHOOLS

School trustee makes motion to adopt more accurate maps

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

If you look at most available world maps, you'd probably conclude that Europe is bigger than South America, North America is larger than Africa and China is smaller than Greenland.

You'd be wrong. But nearly all the maps adorning the walls of GTA schools, as well as those in geography textbooks, reflect that distorted image of the world, as first drawn by cartographer Gerardus Mercator back in 1569.

One Toronto school trustee is annoyed by this misrepresentation, and wants to bring about change. Parthi Kandavel is planning to move a motion at the Toronto District School Board, to ask for a review of the available maps in all schools and the addition of "updated and more appropriate" ones.

"Increasingly, the cliché goes that our world is becoming globalized. But to see the world in its true perspective and realities has been missing in geography," said Kandavel, who represents Scarborough Southwest. "I think it's important for students to understand history and the colonial impact on the world as we see it."

The former elementary school teacher said he was inspired by a recent move by Boston Public Schools to adopt the Gall-Peters map in its classrooms.

Created in 1855, this version of the world map has been criticized for being elongated and distorting the shape of countries, but Kandavel says it has relatively accurate sizes.

He would even welcome the addition of the Winkel-Tripel, a model created in 1921 and seen as a compromise between the Mercator and Gall-Peters versions.

"The idea is not to remove maps or to use one version only, but to supplement what is available," he said, noting it's difficult to accurately capture both the size and shape of land masses on a flat map. "There's an important teaching moment here for all of us when it comes to representation of the world."

PAY EQUALITY

Province's gender wage gap, unchanged for 30 years, under fire

Ontario must urgently introduce pay transparency laws to tackle a gender wage gap that has remained virtually unchanged for 30 years — the legacy of inadequate enforcement and funding, according to equal pay advocates.

The changes proposed by the Toronto-based Equal Pay Coalition would require employers to report and post hourly wage and pay arrangements, including the breakdown of part-time, contract and temporary agency employees as women increasingly bear the brunt of precarious work.

"Canada and Ontario are no longer on the leading edge on this. Canada's standing in global ranking has been falling because of the failure to address women's economic inequality," said Fay Faraday, co-chair of the Equal Pay Coalition.

"The reality is that having discrimination-free wages is a non-negotiable. There is no other starting point for this discussion."

On average, women in Ontario are paid 30 per cent less for doing the same job as men, a gap that narrowed by just 6 per cent since the late 1980s. To put the figure in perspective: If a man were to retire today at 65, a woman would have to keep working until she was 79 to quit with the same earnings.

30%

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The gap sharpens considerably based on race and origin. The pay gap for Indigenous women is 57 per cent, for immigrant women it is 39 per cent, and for racialized women it is 32 per cent. Women also make up the majority of minimum-wage earners and part-time workers.

Recently, Iceland became the first country in the world to force employers to prove they pay men and women equally. Advocates want Ontario to follow suit — and on Monday sent the Ministry of Labour a ready-draft piece of legislation as a template.

"I think there's consensus amongst experts in this area that pay transparency — knowing what women are paid compared to what men are paid — is really critical," said Jan Borowy, a Toronto-based lawyer and fellow chair of the coalition.

"It imposes an obligation to actually expose what you're doing," Faraday adds.

But amongst equal pay advocates, there is frustration at perceived foot-dragging.

Ontario's Pay Equity Act, instituted in 1987, was once hailed as trailblazing the world over. But after its establishment 30 years ago, the Pay Equity Commission budget has decreased by half — from around 6 million to about 3 million, according to its annual reports.

"Employers and parties need to know the act exists. Without having resources to do massive educations campaigns, that puts people at a disadvantage," said Emanuela Heyninck, who heads the Pay Equity Office.

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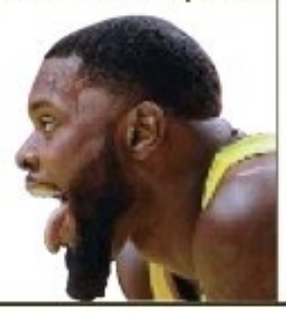
How to jump on the sports bandwagon

For the first time in 15 years, the Maple Leafs and Raptors will make the playoffs at the same time. But they aren't the only story: the Blue Jays have their home opener today, and Toronto FC has kicked off its season. It's an exciting time to jump on the local sports bandwagon, and this primer will help you do just that.

DAVID HAINES/METRO

THE TEAM	WHERE THEY WERE LAST YEAR	HERO	VILLAIN	CELEBRITY FAN	WHAT'S NEXT?
Toronto Blue Jays	Lost in the American League Championship Series	Star batter Josh Donaldson	Texas Rangers	Geddy Lee	They play their home opener against the Milwaukee Brewers Tuesday at 7:07 p.m.
Toronto Maple Leafs	Finished last in the league	Star rookie Auston Matthews	Washington wing Tom Wilson	Justin Bieber	They play the Washington Capitals in their first-round series, which starts Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Toronto FC	Lost in the team's first ever MLS final	MVP Sebastian Giovinco	TFC rivals Montreal Impact	David Miller	Visits Columbus Crew on Saturday.
Toronto Raptors	Lost the Eastern Conference final	All-star guard Kyle Lowry	Unpopular Pacer Lance Stephenson 	Drake	Their first-round playoff series will begin this weekend. They could play a number of teams depending on how regular season ends.

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City has so much potential, so get on board

SPORTS

Matt Elliott

About halfway through Maritime indie rocker Joel Plaskett's set at Massey Hall this past Saturday night, a shout rang out from the upper balcony.

"The Leafs won!"

The crowd went a little nuts. There were high-fives. Hugs. Cheers. The Toronto Maple Leafs, a team led by inexperienced young guns who entered the season with the faintest of playoff hopes, had indeed won, clinching a spot in the postseason for the first time since 2013.

Worth shouting about. Worth interrupting a concert for. A big moment for Toronto sports. Even better, this big moment for Toronto sports comes on top of a bunch of other big sports moments. Our city's major sports teams have caught fire at the same time, giving serious championship hopes to a place that was once named one of the most miserable sports cities in North America.

Like the Leafs, the Raptors are also bound for the postseason, playing their brand of gritty, never-say-die basketball that should make even LeBron James sweat.

The Toronto Blue Jays, though rocked by a rough start to the season, are still a stacked team coming off two consecutive playoff seasons. They'll play their home opener tonight in front of a sold-out crowd. And over on the football pitch, Toronto FC is looking to repeat last year's epic run to the championship game — a performance that made even this soccer skeptic stand up and watch.

Add it all up and it's a hell of a time to be a Toronto sports fan. So enjoy it. Revel in the fact that these teams are finally focused on winning now — a spirit epitomized by Auston Matthews and the precocious Leafs, not content to wait for their moment but instead grabbing it themselves.

Get on the bandwagon and high-five those jumping on after you. Shout out your excitement to a room full of concert-goers.

Whatever you do, just don't sleep on it. You're going to want to feel every single moment of this.

Premier Kathleen Wynne met with Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner in Chicago on Monday. HANDOUT

Wynne touts open border

U.S. RELATIONS

Great Lakes stewardship also stressed in Chicago trip

Premier Kathleen Wynne went to Chicago with a bottle of ice wine and a message: Let's keep the Canada-U.S. border open and Great Lakes water quality top of mind.

Wynne met Monday with Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner amid continuing concerns the Trump administration will bring in a border tax and gut $300 million in funding for lakes that are a source of drinking water to millions.

Fresh from her weekend win against a "Buy American" provision dropped from the New York state budget, Wynne said she was pleased to sense Rauner is not signalling any similar policies.

"Nothing he said to me suggests that he'd be interested in going there. He really sees the strong connection," she told the Star in a telephone interview from the Windy City.

Ontario is the largest export market for Illinois, which sends $10 billion a year in goods and services to the province. Every month, $233 million in auto parts flow back-and-forth between the two jurisdictions.

"We see an open border and our integrated economy, which has been built up over decades, as a strength," she said after presenting her host, a wealthy former businessman, with a bottle of Ontario ice wine.

"Governor Rauner gets that. He wants to find ways to work with us."

Rauner did not issue a statement on the meeting.

Wynne also talked to executives at airliner giant Boeing Corp., warning of the perils of a border tax given that Ontario is a major part of the company's supply chain, with landing gear and other parts made here.

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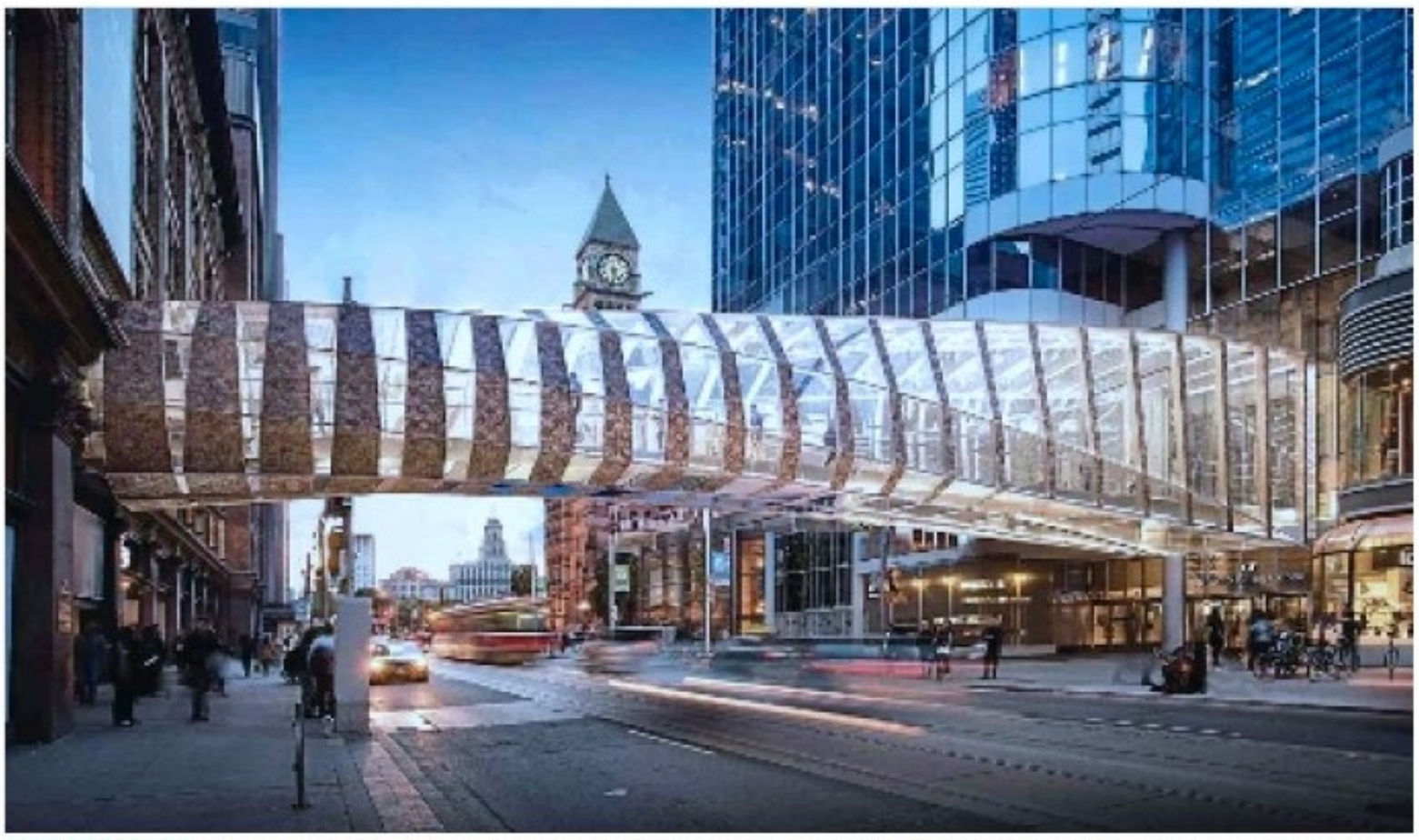

ARCHITECTURE WALK THIS WAY FOR EATON'S 40TH This rendering shows what the new Eaton Centre pedestrian bridge connecting Hudson's Bay and Saks Fifth Avenue will look like. It's designed by British architectural firm WilkinsonEyre. Construction is slated to begin this month and be completed by fall. The firm has done projects around the world including the Guangzhou International Finance Center in China and the IKEA museum in Sweden. The new bridge coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Toronto shopping centre. TEXT: MAY WARREN/METRO; PHOTO: COURTESY CADILLAC FAIRVIEW TORONTO EATON CENTRE

Toronto DIGEST

Construction season about to ramp up

Close to $700 million will be spent this year in construction including $310 million for roads, expressways and bridges, $310 million for sewers and watermains, and $70 million for basement flooding protection.

About 130 kilometres of road will be resurfaced, and 310 km of sewer and watermains will be worked on, plans unveiled Monday show. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Big boost for Ryerson's photography collection

Chris Bratty, a GTA real estate executive, who bought New York Times' Canadian photo collection, will, in the coming months, donate the nearly 25,000 images to Ryerson University's photography collection.

Paul Roth, director of the Ryerson Image Centre, called it "an incredible resource for studying Canadian history."

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Police name suspect in fatal shooting of teen

Peel police have released the identity of a suspect in a fatal shooting of a teenage boy near a hookah lounge in Mississauga last year.

Seventeen-year-old Sharmarke Farah was found on Feb. 7 outside Habibi Lounge suffering from a gunshot wound.

Twenty-year-old Mohamud Kheyre is wanted for first-degree murder.

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Officer who fired on car loses seven days' pay

The Toronto officer convicted after firing 23 rounds into a stationary car in the Distillery District has been sentenced to seven days' docked pay at a police disciplinary tribunal.

Last fall, Const. Tash Baiatih pleaded guilty to insubordination in the incident on Sept. 16, 2015. He opened fire into the hood of a stolen sedan following a chase. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Avoid 'mistakes of the past': PM

POLITICS

Trudeau condemns Assad on solemn trip

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in France for two days of overseas commemorations for Canadian soldiers killed in the two world wars, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and Canada's role in D-Day on June 6, 1944.

"The men who fought in 1944 were carrying the legacy of those who risked their lives at Vimy Ridge in 1917," Trudeau said after walking the beach with his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau and their son Xavier.

But there was no escaping the here and now, with the attack in Syria still fresh on everyone's mind. And the irony wasn't lost on Trudeau.

Bashar Assad's days as president of Syria are numbered, Trudeau suggested Monday as more hostile talk from international powers continued to amplify the threat of a military escalation in the Middle East.

The way forward in Syria can't include Assad, whose recent chemical attack against his own people were abetted by countries that have allowed him to remain in power, Trudeau said.

> **We need to move as quickly as possible towards peace.**
> Justin Trudeau

"There is no question that anyone who is guilty of the types of war crimes against innocents, against children, that Assad and his regime are needs to be held to account," he said during a visit to Juno Beach to commemorate Canada's Second World War dead. "We need to move as quickly as possible towards peace and stability in Syria that does not involve Bashar al-Assad."

Trudeau was, however, noncommittal when it came to the question of how to remove Assad from power, and whether Russia should be punished for supporting him. Canada remains open to imposing new sanctions against Russia in concert with its allies, he said, but Russia must also be part of the solution for bringing peace to Syria.

Asked whether he feared the world was on the verge of a new war, Trudeau said the international community needed to come together and address its challenges.

"The raging civil war in Syria, the violent conflicts around the world require an international community that pulls together, that holds each other to account and that strives everyday not to repeat the terrible mistakes of the past." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau, his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and their son Xavier look at the headstone of a member of Gregoire-Trudeau's family, who was killed during WWI, as they visit the Canadian Military Cemetery of Beny-sur-Mer, France on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

AUCTION

A jacket mystery

The mystery surrounding an authentic green jacket from Augusta National Golf Club that was once bought for C$5 at a Toronto thrift store likely stoked the enthusiasm of collectors and drove its sale at auction for more than US$139,000, the auction house said Monday.

Green Jacket Auctions said the distinctive sport coat worn by members of the famed Georgia club and presented each year to the Masters winner was sold Saturday, a day before the final round of this year's tournament. The club has confirmed its authenticity. Ryan Carey, who co-owns the auction house, said it was purchased in 1994 at a Goodwill store in Toronto, though he couldn't say which location.

The jacket — from which the original owner's name has been cut out — apparently escaped the store's notice, but the man who bought it "knew exactly what it was," Carey said, adding the discovery made headlines at the time. That man, who Carey said was a member of the Canadian media, sold it to a golf journalist in the United Kingdom "for a very reasonable amount of money." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHICAGO

Uproar after man is forcibly removed from packed flight

Video of police officers dragging a passenger from an overbooked United Airlines flight sparked an uproar Monday on social media, and a spokesman for the airline insisted that employees had no choice but to contact authorities to remove the man.

As the flight waited to depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, officers could be seen grabbing the screaming man from a window seat, pulling him across the armrest and dragging him down the aisle by his arms. United was trying to make room for four employees of a partner airline on the Sunday evening flight to Louisville, Kentucky.

Other passengers on Flight 3411 are heard saying, "Please, my God," "What are you doing?" "This is wrong," "Look at what you did to him" and "Busted his lip."

Passenger Audra D. Bridges posted the video on Facebook. Her husband, Tyler Bridges, said United offered $400 and then $800 vouchers and a hotel stay for volunteers to give up their seats. When no one volunteered, a United manager came on the plane and announced that passengers would be chosen at random.

"We almost felt like we were being taken hostage," Tyler Bridges said. "We were stuck there. You can't do anything as a traveller. You're relying on the airline."

When airline employees named four customers who had to leave the plane, three of them did so. The fourth person refused to move, and police were called, United spokesman Charlie Hobart said.

"We followed the right procedures," Hobart said.

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Police were called to remove a passenger from a United Airlines flight in Chicago. The incident sparked an uproar. CONTRIBUTED

Ottawa to address airline bumping

Canada will introduce new legislation this spring that will address the problem of travellers being bumped from flights, the federal government said Monday, as the violent dragging of a passenger off an overbooked flight in the U.S. unleashed anger over the practice.

A spokesman for Transport Minister Marc Garneau said bumping rules will be included in an air passenger bill of rights that was promised last fall to establish clear, minimum requirements for compensation when flights are oversold or luggage lost.

Marc Roy declined, however, to say if the legislation would set industry-wide standards or raise compensation to levels offered in the United States or Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fight for your right to flights

May Warren
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As the summer travel season approaches, Metro breaks down your rights when it comes to air travel.

Overbooked and bumped from your plane

Whether you volunteer or are voluntold to get off a flight you've paid for, the airline owes you compensation, air passenger advocate Gabor Lukacs told Metro. "They also have to rebook you on the next flight, including on flights of other airlines if they don't have flights of their own," Lukacs said.

How much you're entitled to is stated in the airline's "tariff" which outlines its contractual obligations to passengers.

Luggage lost or damaged

Under the Montreal Convention you're again entitled to some reimbursement for lost or damaged luggage when travelling internationally, said Lukacs. Domestically it falls to individual airline tariffs but all the major Canadian airlines have language on this. It can be hard to make sense of the fine print.

CALIFORNIA

Apparent murder-suicide at school kills adults, student

A husband opened fire on his wife Monday in a San Bernardino elementary school classroom, killing her and a student in a murder-suicide that spread panic across a city still recovering emotionally from a terrorist attack at a community centre just 15 months ago.

The shooter also died, and a second student was critically wounded at North Park School.

"The children we do not believe were targeted," police Capt. Ron Maass told reporters.

The gunman was identified as 53-year-old Cedric Anderson, of Riverside, who shot his wife, Elaine Smith, also 53. She was a teacher in the special-needs classroom for students in first through fourth grades.

Anderson said nothing as he began firing a large-calibre revolver, according to police. Both of the children who were hit were standing behind Smith. An 8-year-old later died. The other student was hospitalized in stable condition.

The gunman had a history of weapons, domestic violence and possible drug charges that predated the marriage, which lasted only a few months, authorities said.

The boy who died was identified as Jonathan Martinez. Authorities did not name the other boy who was wounded.

Students and parents are reunited after the shooting. GETTY IMAGES

The 600 other students at the school were bused to safety at California State University's San Bernardino campus, several miles away.

As word of the shooting spread, panicked parents raced to the school, some in tears, some praying as they anxiously sought information about their children. They were told to go to a nearby high school where they would be reunited.

Four hours later, the children began to arrive at the high school, getting hugs from emotional parents. As the students got off the buses, many of them carrying glow sticks they had been given to pass the time with, police officers applauded and high-fived them.

When the buses first pulled away, some parents ran alongside, waving and trying to recognize their children inside. Many said their children were too young to have cellphones. Others said the phones rang unanswered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Free tuition, with strings attached

EDUCATION

Students must stay in New York after graduation

There's a big string attached to New York's free middle-class college tuition initiative: Students must stay in the state after graduation or else pay back the benefit.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Monday that the requirement was added to protect the state's investment in a student's education by ensuring they don't take advantage of free tuition and then leave New York.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signs legislation for free college tuition Monday.
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The tuition initiative, which Cuomo said is a national model, covers state college or university tuition for in-state students from families earning $125,000 or less. Students must remain in New York for as many years as they received the benefit. They must repay the money as a loan if they take a job in another state.

"Why should New Yorkers pay for your college education and then you pick up and you move to California?" Cuomo said. "If you don't want to stay here, then go to California now, let them pay for your college education."

Students who receive free tuition and then leave the state for an advanced degree won't have to pay the money back assuming they return to New York once they complete their graduate studies.

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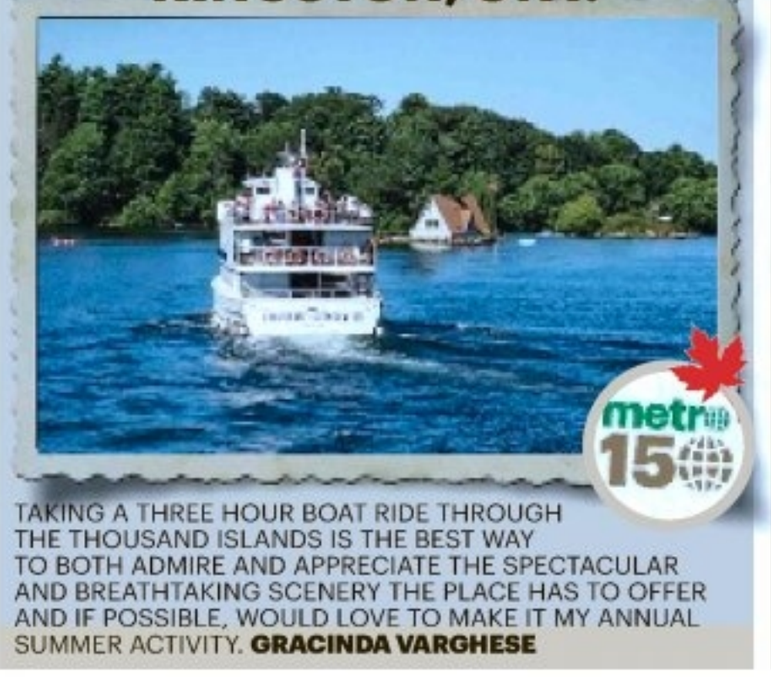

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Help those hurt by free trade, global groups say
The world isn't doing enough to help workers and communities damaged by free trade, the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organization say. They want countries to make it easier for people to switch careers or move to where jobs are, and insurance for lost wages.
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What lies beneath

Skylines often provide the shorthand for a city, but the ground beneath the buildings is fertile territory too. There's useful and livable space beneath us, and with space at a premium on the surface, sometimes the solution is to dig down. **These cities are putting more than pipes underground.**

AP PHOTO

Play: Projected to open in 2021, New York is working to convert a disused underground trolley terminal on the Lower East Side of Manhattan into a park. Using fibre-optic technology to create light sources underground, the developers hope to create a sprawling space with greenery, fountains, and spots to hang out, do yoga, play and engage.

VIMEO/GIKEN

Park: In city where 14 per cent of commuters are cyclists and in a country where 78 per cent of households have a bike, Tokyo needs somewhere to put all those two-wheelers. Enter Eco Cycle, an elevator that whisks bikes from the street to vertical parking silos under the city streets. As an added bonus, the bikes are protected from the elements and would-be thieves.

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Shop: Winter — you don't want to go through it, you can't get around it, so Canadians go under it. Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg are among the cities that boast vast subterranean path systems to link urbanites to shops, office towers and transit stations without ever needing to step foot in a pile of slushy city snow.

FLICKR/ZERO CARBON FOOD

Farm: The heart of London doesn't leave much room for farmers' fields. But when chefs want to get their hands on locally grown produce, they can dig deep — 33 metres deep — to Growing Underground. Built in a WWII-era bomb shelter, the farm produces salad greens and herbs year-round using LED and hydroponic technology, all while reducing carbon emissions by keeping travel time down and reconnecting city dwellers to their food sources.

GETTY IMAGES

Thrive: With more than 5 million people on an island smaller than New York City, Singapore has ambitious plans to make space. Nanyang University has devoted an entire department to studying the feasibility of building under the city, and the government is investing millions of dollars to explore plans for everything from a research facility housing 4,200 scientists to moving utilities, like an oil cavern, underground.

WORD ON THE STREET by David Hains

It rarely pays to play when sports teams call for cash: Expert

Andrew Zimbalist CONTRIBUTED

With five Canadian teams in the NHL playoffs, there's lots to like for fans.

There's less to like on the business side. The Calgary Flames CEO threatened to "just move" if a $1.8-billion arena isn't built (with $1.3 billion from the city).

Does it ever make sense to subsidize sports?

We asked economist Andrew Zimbalist, author of Circus Maximus and No Boston Olympics. He says the numbers often don't add up.

Emotional appeal
Subsidy boosters argue the team is part of the city's DNA, and brings intangible benefits; in other words, benefits are unknown.

Zimbalist says emotional arguments to subsidize the team can be made, but don't substitute for a business case. "If you're concerned at a social or cultural level, then I would say you have to think about subsidies. But don't think about subsidies because of an economic impact."

The local economy
Zimbalist says the argument that sports is a boon to city coffers is overblown. Research shows entertainment dollars are still spent in the absence of a team. Also, sports aren't great at keeping financial activity in the city. Take the NHL: players are paid half of revenues, but most of that is taxed federally, or saved and invested globally. Taking the family to a nice restaurant is a more sound investment in the local economy.

Be specific
Zimbalist doesn't oppose all sports subsidies. He says stadiums as redevelopment catalysts can make sense, pointing to San Diego, Calif., and Brooklyn, N.Y. But those are the minority, and "the devil is in the details." He warns against subsidies by another name, like waiving property taxes, interest-free loans or introducing a special tax or fee to support the team.

PUBLIC WORKS
The week in urbanism

RAY OF HOPE
Georgia wants to turn a stretch of rural highway into a living lab for creating the road of the future. Dubbed The Ray, the road already boasts solar-powered vehicle charges. More innovations on the way include pavement that works like a solar panel and native plants lining the roads to provide bee habitat.

MASTER OF DISASTER
Vancouver has hired a Chief Resilience Officer to help plan for natural disasters and tackle long-term problems like improving infrastructure and housing. The new office is armed with $1 million from the Rockefeller Foundation-funded non-profit 100 Resilient Cities. Toronto, Calgary and Montreal are also participants.

URBAN DICTIONARY

DEFINITION
Bunching is the frustrating phenomenon that sees two or more late buses arrive at once. (And stopping it involves chaos theory.)

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
My new jeans are **bunching** worse than the downtown bus at rush hour.

CITY CHAMP

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Levi's expands MLB collection to include a Blue Jays line for men and women

Removing the 911 fear factor

FENTANYL CRISIS

New act looks to protect those reporting an overdose

Genna Buck and Ryan Tumilty
Metro Canada

The good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act, set to be debated by MPs on Tuesday, would offer legal protection to anyone phoning 911 for help at the scene of a drug overdose in a bid to remove the potentially fatal 'fear factor'. ISTOCK

It happens nearly every day, somewhere in Canada: A house party. Music blares. People use street drugs like cocaine, MDMA, heroin or pain pills.

Then someone collapses. Shaking them and shouting their name yields nothing.

It's an overdose, possibly of a deadly opioid like fentanyl. They need an ambulance. There's no time to lose.

And you, the bystander, are faced with a choice.

Do you call 911, potentially bringing the police down on your head? Do you call, but bolt before authorities arrive, leaving a critically ill person alone? Or do you try to cope on your own?

That decision may soon be a little easier.

MPs are gearing up for a debate Tuesday on the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act. If passed, it will protect everyone at the scene of a drug overdose from being charged or convicted for certain drug-related offences if they call for help.

An earlier version of the private member's bill, giving protection from simple drug possession charges, passed the House unanimously in November.

It has since been amended by the Senate to include immunity from charges of violating bail conditions, conditional sentences, probation orders or parole conditions — if the person's original offence related to drug possession.

Liberal MP Ron McKinnon, who introduced the bill back in February 2016, is pleased about the amendments and says he's "crossing his fingers" the issue comes to a vote and the show of unity continues.

Just two years ago, the House of Commons was passing strict limits on harm-reduction centres where people can use drugs under supervision — a proven way to reduce overdose deaths.

But a lot has changed since then, and not just the party in power. Overdose deaths have skyrocketed and dangerous opioids like fentanyl and carfentanil have become ubiquitous.

Now, harm-reduction advocates are praising government's efforts.

Rob Boyd, director of the Oasis needle exchange program at Ottawa's Sandy Hill Community Health Centre said for some people, this change will matter a lot.

> **When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the number-one reason is fear of the police. They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs.** Rob Boyd

"When someone from our community overdoses, 911 is called less than half the time. And the number-one reason is fear of the police," he said. "They're afraid they will be charged with possession of drugs."

Boyd said as drug use and overdoses become problems at raves, parties and even weddings, it's important for people to know they don't face legal prosecutions for calling, even if that's not realistically likely.

"Unfortunately, fear does motivate behaviour."

Though McKinnon cautioned this bill is only "one arrow in the quiver" of a much larger response to the opioid crisis, he's hopeful it will help prevent people from panicking and making bad choices when someone overdoses.

"This is not all about addicts, though it certainly would apply to them," he said. "But it also applies to kids and young adults who go to parties and take some unknown pill somebody gives them.

"Casual users sometimes find themselves in dire straits. They don't know how to deal, they're fearful of being arrested or charged. And they try to handle it on their own when time is of the essence."

He explained the bill would also benefit people are afraid of being caught violating an order, such as a conditional sentence.

"For people in those circumstances, there's more to their story than just hanging out in a place where people are using drugs. They too are leery about calling for help.

"We want them to make that call anyway. We can't help people if they're dead."

BODY IMAGE

Calgary company designing confidence

When people wear AJ Vaughn's designs, he wants them to be reminded it's okay to be who they are — whatever that might be.

Recently, Vaughn launched a website for Jay Heights, a local clothing label he founded with a focus on body positivity and giving back. He started the business after going through his own body image struggles in high school.

"People are judgemental, they're hard on each other. I wanted to start a movement to help people be more confident in themselves," the 20-year-old entrepreneur said.

He was always used to being the tallest kid on the playground, but as he grew older, Vaughn said his friends kept growing taller.

"(My friends) would tease me, they called me short and stuff like that," said Vaughn.

Even though he claims they were joking most of the time, the then-teenager took the comments to heart. He became "extremely" insecure about his height, even researching ways to make himself taller.

> **I was pretty unhappy with myself.** AJ Vaughn

"I was pretty unhappy with myself," Vaughn said.

As graduation got closer, he realized his height wasn't going to change — but his perspective could.

"I realized I can't complain for the rest of my life, because then I'd be unhappy," said Vaughn.

After high school, he took a small loan and started designing products that would "inspire confidence" in his customers.

"I want them to be reminded they're amazing in their own way, to feel comfortable in their own skin, and not worry about what others say," Vaughn said.

The positivity doesn't end there — a chunk of the profits from Jay Heights are donated to the Hope for the Homeless Foundation, a charity Vaughn founded which makes and delivers care-packages to Calgary's homeless population.

ELIZABETH CAMERON/METRO

AJ's clothing line, Jay Heights, is about body positivity and raising awareness on homelessness. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

HISTORY

THE YEAR FEMALE DISTANCE RUNNING WAS BORN This year's April 17 Boston Marathon will mark the 50th anniversary of Kathrine Switzer being the first "officially registered" woman to compete in the event (Bobbi Gibb participated unregistered, or as a "bandit," in the 1966-68 races). Switzer, now 70, is running the marathon again next Monday. But back in 1967, women were not allowed to enter the Boston Marathon. When race director John "Jock" Semple tried to physically remove her from the course, he was blocked by Switzer's burly boyfriend Tom Miller. The iconic images appeared in newspapers worldwide, and thus the era of female distance running was born. TORSAR NEWS SERVICE

SOCIAL MEDIA

Ghomeshi podcast fuels backlash

About a year after being acquitted of sexual assault charges that destroyed a celebrated broadcasting career, former CBC personality Jian Ghomeshi resurfaced online Monday with a new music and podcast series.

The one-time media star announced a venture called "The Ideation Project" on Twitter.

Reminiscent of the short essays that would kick off Ghomeshi's hosting gig on CBC Radio's "Q," the debut post features musings on immigration, globalization and race. The six-minute monologue called "Exiles" asks: "What does it mean to feel like you have no homeland?"

The social media reaction was largely negative within hours of the debut, and branding expert Martin Waxman said Ghomeshi would be wise to move slowly as he returns to the spotlight.

"I think he's probably smart to do this in a low-key way, to sort of test the waters and see what the reaction is," said Waxman of the Toronto firm Martin Waxman Communications.

"Because if he came out with a big promotion plan, I don't know if people are ready for it. The other thing is if this is a creative endeavour of his own, which it seems to be, it takes a while to build. One episode does not a sustained podcast make.

Among the negative reaction to Ghomeshi's comeback attempt was a tweet from one critic with the handle @tommylacroix, which read: "This 'nothing's different, carry on' routine aint gonna fly."

Ghomeshi's career crashed hard after he was fired from the CBC in October 2014. At the time, the public broadcaster said it saw "graphic evidence" he had caused physical injury to a woman.

His image as an erudite social progressive unravelled as multiple allegations followed, culminating in a high-profile trial that revealed intimate details of his romantic life.

Ultimately, Ghomeshi was acquitted in March 2016 of four counts of sexual assault and one count of choking involving three complainants.

In May 2016, he apologized to a fourth complainant and signed a peace bond that saw a final count of sexual assault withdrawn.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Madonna close to a novelty bulesque act

THE SHOW: Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour
THE MOMENT: The acrobats

Madonna performs at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto during her Rebel Heart Tour. TORSTAR

Midway through this 2016 concert film, Madonna disappears to change her costume and, I imagine, rub Tiger Balm on her aching joints while chugging Gatorade. Meanwhile, her dancers shimmy up whip-like poles with T-bars at the top, where they stand, swaying.

Her recorded voice begins singing "Illuminati" ("Everybody in this party's shining like Illuminati"). The dancers push their poles, making circles in the air.

Swinging ever faster, the poles are soon bending in dizzying parabolic arcs. As the song builds, the dancers whiz back and forth, swiping top hats off dancers below, narrowly missing each other and the ground.

Oh, Madonna. On the one hand, your live performances may be your best legacy. This concert is a thrilling spectacle, each song a discreet experience, a miniature emotional arc. Your visuals are so textured and varied, they almost — almost! — disguise the banality of your lyrics ("You know that everything that glitters ain't gold/So let the music take you out of control/It's time to feel it in your body and zzzzzzz").

On the other hand, your hanky-panky is getting creaky. You still think the f-bomb is super-naughty. Like your pole dancers, you're teetering dangerously — but toward a novelty burlesque act, a 60-something granny flashing her pasties at her ever-younger troupe.

I wish that instead of clinging to old notions of "hotness," you had showed us a new way forward, embracing that 55 is not 35, and shouldn't be.

Your light show is cutting edge. But your attitude — "Look how young I still appear!" — is the opposite of evolved.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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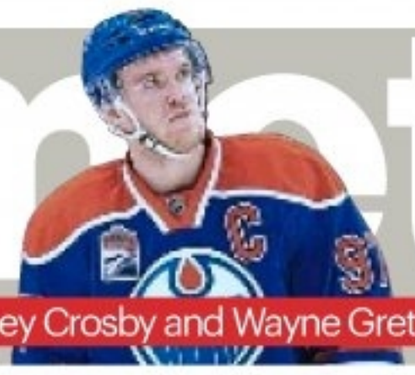

Only Sidney Crosby and Wayne Gretzky were younger Art Ross Trophy winners than Connor McDavid, 20, whose 100 points led the NHL in 2016-17

Bleak yet be-Leaf-able ... sort of

NHL PLAYOFFS

Bruce Arthur

The Leafs went 1-1-1 against the Capitals this season, winning 4-2 at home on Nov. 26, losing 6-5 in overtime in D.C. on Jan. 3, pictured, before falling 4-1 on April 4 at Air Canada Centre. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Let's talk ourselves into this, shall we?

There are three days before the Maple Leafs return to the playoffs, which is good, because the goalie got run on Saturday and two defencemen got hurt on Sunday and by the way, how does a season that is 82 games long end with a back-to-back? That's some fine scheduling, everyone.

The problem with those extra days of rest is the Washington Capitals are waiting at the end, and the Washington Capitals are pretty, pretty good. They rolled up 118 points this season. They had the best goal differential in hockey (plus-81). They scored the third-most goals and allowed the fewest.

So, woof. We can keep doing this for three days, if you like.

But we are here to talk ourselves into this! After all, after winning the World Cup in September, coach Mike Babcock ended his press conference by saying, "This is just a sign of what's going to happen here in Toronto, just so you know."

OK! Let's go!

LUCK

PDO measures two things: 5-on-5 shooting percentage and save percentage. The Capitals led the league in PDO, which is not necessarily good, because shooting percentage can be a mirage, and save percentage can come and go. Ask T.J. Oshie, the Capitals forward who scored 33 goals on a league-best 23.1 per cent shooting this year (his career mark: 13.4)! Maybe the Capitals' sharpshooters go cold?

Goaltender Braden Holtby is really good, though. Holtby was third in even-strength save percentage this year, at .935. Same as Montreal's Carey Price, for the record. On to ...

NERVES

The Leafs will probably be overwhelmed by the moment. As Babcock said Sunday, "We've drawn a real good team, and we're gonna find out what playoff hockey is, and we're going to find out that it's way different from regular-season hockey. Might as well figure that out quick. I'll do my best over the next couple days to explain what's going to happen, and they're not going to believe me, and then it's going to happen."

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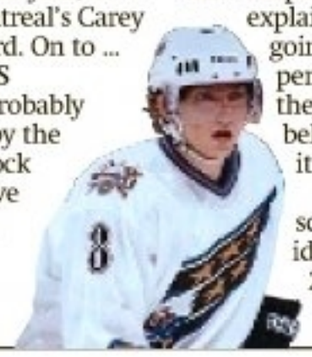
Auston Matthews (40) is the first rookie since Alex Ovechkin to score 40. Ovie had 52 in 2005-06.



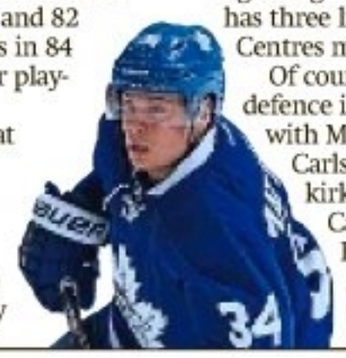
But the Caps have scars, right? Presidents' Trophy in 2010, lost in Round 1. Presidents' Trophy last season, lost in Round 2. Since 2008 the Caps have lost in the first round three times, and the second round five times.

But then, Alex Ovechkin has 41 goals and 82 points in 84 career playoff games.

Ah. Well, what about ...

CENTRES?

You know who hasn't produced in the playoffs? Evgeny Kuznetsov, with nine points in 26 career post-season games. Up the middle the Capitals have Nicklas Backstrom, Kuznetsov, Lars Eller and Jay Beagle, versus Auston Matthews, Nazem Kadri, Tyler Bozak and Brian Boyle. That could be a slight edge for Toronto, which has three lines that can score. Centres matter.



Of course, the Capitals' defence is mobile and deep, with Matt Niskanen, John Carlson, Kevin Shattenkirk and Dmitry Orlov. Can you expose Brooks Orpik? Karl Alzner? Probably! Of course, at some point the Leafs' third pair will be defending Ovechkin, too.

The Caps' wingers are also pretty good. And their special teams. So, we are running out of options. Maybe the Leafs get great goaltending from Frederik Andersen, who might still be hurt? Maybe the Leafs' kids produce greatness and win a game or two?

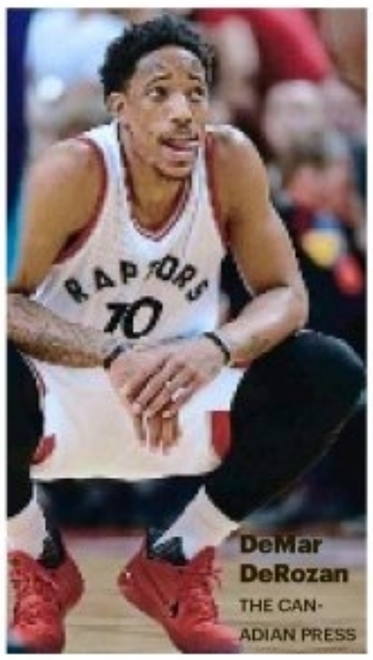
Yes, it's a little bleak. But look at this way: back in October when the Leafs were in Chicago, Babcock said, "To be honest with ya, I'm hoping we're a lot like Chicago was."

Chicago drafted Jonathan Toews in 2006 and Patrick Kane in 2007. The Blackhawks missed the playoffs in Kane's rookie year before rocketing to the conference final in 2009 before winning Cups in 2010, 2013 and 2015.

The Leafs are, by this measure, ahead of schedule. Maybe we can talk ourselves into this, no matter what happens.

Bruce Arthur is a sports columnist with the Toronto Star

> **"You kind of wonder, if that's how he comes out of the gate what's he going to be like in a couple years from now?**
>
> Chicago's Jonathan Toews when recently asked about Auston Matthews' success



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NBA

'Old man' DeRozan approaching half amazing

The Toronto Raptors season that winds up Wednesday night has been one of great tumult thanks to injuries, the mid-season upheaval of two vital trades and the search for consistency because of all the change.

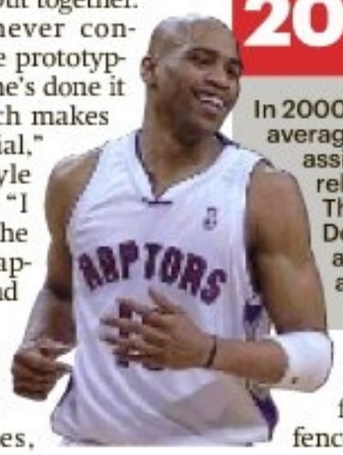
If there has been one constant, though, it has been the excellence of DeMar DeRozan, who is compiling a season that equals any put together by any Raptor in franchise history.

Like the 27-year-old's personality, it has been understated and perhaps under-appreciated, a season of brilliance partially hidden by the old-man manner in which it was put together.

"He has never conformed to the prototypical way and he's done it his way, which makes it more special," teammate Kyle Lowry says. "I respect a lot the way he has approached it and done it."

2000-01

In 2000-01, Vince Carter averaged 25.7 points, 3.9 assists and 5.5 rebounds. This season, DeMar DeRozan has averaged 27.3, 3.9 and 5.2.



Through his own injury and those to teammates, through many new faces, and through defences designed solely to stop him, DeRozan has gone about his business in record-setting fashion.

With 35 points on Sunday — his 31st game with 30 or more — DeRozan became just the second player in team history to go over 2,000 points in a season. He's posting career highs in player efficiency ranking (24.06), points per game (27.3), field goals made and attempted (721-1545), free throws made and attempted (545-647) and rebounds (386).

The season DeRozan's is most often compared to is Vince Carter's 2000-01.

The statistics show scant difference in all the significant categories. Both teams enjoyed tremendous success. Both players were undisputed offensive leaders.

One's not better than the other. They're just different — both really special, and DeRozan's teammates hope fans appreciate it.

"I just hope that they know what he does and how hard he works," Lowry said. "We all know in this locker-room how hard he works and that's important to us."

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WORLD CUP

Canada a likely entrant if bid wins

Canada and Mexico will only get a slice of soccer's biggest prize if the joint North American bid for the 2026 World Cup is successful.

The proposed blueprint calls for 60 of the 80 games in the new expanded tournament format to be held in the U.S. with 10 going to Canada and 10 to Mexico.

"The final decisions on those things are up to FIFA. It's their tournament. But that will be our proposal and that is our agreement together," U.S. soccer president Sunil Gulati told a news conference atop the Freedom Tower in lower Manhattan as the three-nation bid was officially launched on Monday.

Gulati was flanked by Victor Montagliani, president of both the Canadian Soccer Association and CONCACAF, and Mexico Football Federation president Decio de Maria.

"Obviously every men's World Cup has been on grass. I would assume this would be the same.
Victor Montagliani

Their agreement calls for all games from the quarter-finals on to be held in the U.S., making for a set of ground rules that will likely leave Canadian and Mexican fans feeling like Oliver Twist.

But the good news for Canada, which has qualified just once for the men's World Cup — in 1986, when host Mexico was out of the CONCACAF qualifying picture — is the push to maintain the tradition of having the tournament host(s) automatically qualify.

Gulati said the issue of host qualification is ultimately up to the FIFA Council, but added: "What I can say is there has never been a World Cup where the host country or host countries have not been automatically qualified for the World Cup."

Mexico has been to 15 prior World Cup finals, including two as host (1970 and 1986). The U.S has been to 10, including one as host (1994). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada is currently ranked No. 109 in the world. Mexico is No. 16 and the U.S. are No. 23.

Flock returns home

A question mark hovers over third baseman Josh Donaldson, who left Sunday's game against the Rays with a calf injury. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jays in need of pick-me-up after 1-5 start to the season

Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Aaron Sanchez is happy to be home.

While the 24-year-old grew up in Barstow, Calif., almost halfway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, he feels the love in Toronto. Especially around the home opener.

The Jays (1-5) welcome Milwaukee (2-5) to the Rogers Centre on Tuesday to kick off the start of a nine-game homestand — Baltimore and Boston follow the Brewers — as baseball returns.

For Sanchez, any time the word "opening" comes into play in baseball, it's special.

"Whether it be on the road or whether it be at home," he said. "Especially that home one, it's a lot different from any other one because these are the people that know you the best.

"We're excited. We like the team we've got so it's about riding the wave for 162 (games) and kind of seeing where it takes us. We've been to the playoffs with this group the last two years, so we know what to expect, we know what it takes to get there."

The Jays took care of Baltimore and Texas last season before falling to the Cleveland Indians in five games in the American League Championship Series. In 2015, Toronto dispatched Texas before being ousted by Kansas City in six games in the ALCS.

It's been a slow start on the road this year, however.

Toronto has been held to two runs or less in four of its six starts, averaging 3.3 runs a game so far in what is admittedly a very small sample size. It averaged 4.8 runs a year in 2016.

The Jays have hit .201 over the first six outings. Only the Mets (with a 3-3 record and hitting .200 prior to play Monday), and the Seattle Mariners (1-6, .178) had a worse batting average.

Francisco Liriano failing to get out of the first inning Friday in Tampa did not help the Toronto cause — or its bullpen.

The Jays have also been without Roberto Osuna (neck spasms) but the closer is expected to be back for the home opener. There is a question mark over third baseman Josh Donaldson, who left Sunday's game in Tampa with calf tightness.

While Toronto fans may be more caught up with the Maple Leafs and Raptors with the NHL and NBA playoffs pending, Sanchez feels a tight bond with Jays supporters.

"Like they say, if you build it they'll come and we definitely felt that in 2015 when we traded for Troy (Tulowitzki) and we traded for David (Price) and we got those guys over here and went on that run," he said. "We felt that extra kick from fans and that extra life that kind of put us over the top the last few years, so we just try to go out there and compete for those guys and just have fun."
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MATCHUPS

Tuesday
TOR J.A. Happ, 20-4, 3.18
MIL Wily Peralta, 7-11, 4.86

Wednesday
TOR Marcus Stroman, 9-10, 4.37
MIL Chase Anderson, 9-11, 4.39

*2016 stats

PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal does little to fend off Eagles

Arsenal produced another dreadful away performance in losing at relegation-threatened Crystal Palace 3-0 in the English Premier League on Monday, further damaging the team's chances of qualifying for next season's Champions League.

"All we can do is apologize. I just think (Palace) wanted it more.
Arsenal winger Theo Walcott

Palace exploited Arsenal's weakness and lack of leadership in defence, scoring in the 18th minute through Andros Townsend before midfielders Yohan Cabaye and Luka Milivojevic added more goals in the second half.

Arsenal stayed in sixth place — seven points off the top four with eight games left.
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IN BRIEF

Canucks fire Desjardins after three seasons at helm

The Vancouver Canucks have fired head coach Willie Desjardins after a miserable 2016-17 season.

The team announced the move Monday, less than 24 hours after losing its eighth straight game in regulation. The Canucks finished 29th in the NHL's overall standings.

In three seasons with Vancouver, the 60-year-old Desjardins compiled a 109-110-27 record.
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MLB

Posey takes pitch to head in Giants' win

Giants catcher Buster Posey was doing well after being struck in the helmet by a 94 m.p.h. fastball in the first inning and forced out of the game, a frightening moment in San Francisco's 4-1 victory Monday against the Arizona Diamondbacks in its home opener.

Buster Posey GETTY IMAGES

Posey will be re-evaluated Tuesday but, "He's doing good, he's doing fine," manager Bruce Bochy said. Posey is likely to sit out Tuesday's game.

Taijuan Walker's 0-1 fastball with two out in the first inning sent the Gold Glove catcher immediately to ground. Athletic trainer Dave Groeschner sprinted toward the plate and Bochy was right behind. Posey got up on his own but exited the game.
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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Spring-fresh Roasted Asparagus with Tomatoes and Bacon

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The roasted flavour on the vegetables coupled with bacon will make this easy side dish your entrée's new best friend.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 large bunches of asparagus (500g)
- 1-2 Tbsp of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 4 pieces of smoked (streaky) bacon, diced
- handful of cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ cup of dry white wine
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400. Snap the ends of the asparagus — it'll always break where the woody bit ends, so you won't end up eating tough, stringy stems — and keep the ends with the tips. In a roasting pan, add the asparagus and the rest of the ingredients.

2. Toss it all together with your hands, squeezing the tomatoes slightly to get the juice out.

3. Bake for around 15-20 minutes, until the asparagus starts to brown a little and is nice and tender.

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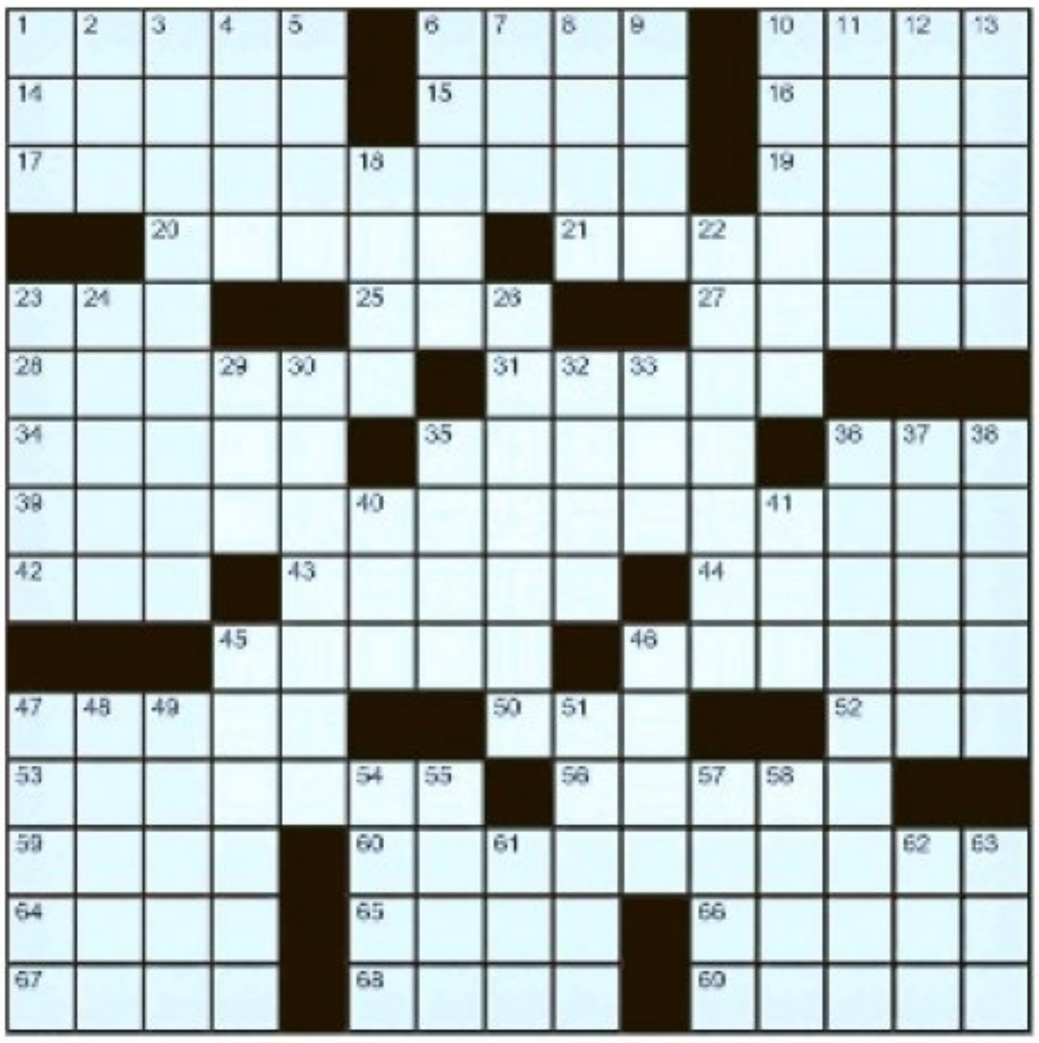
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Ars Gratia _ (MGM's motto)
6. City's air problem
10. Small argument
14. _-screen technology
15. Woodstock emcee Mr. Gravy
16. Cogito _ sum (I think therefore I am)
17. Tuesday, April 11th, 2017... Big game at the Rogers Centre: 2 wds.
19. Particular horse coat
20. Donor's life-saving donation
21. 'Twilight' character played by Nikki Reed, _ Hale
23. 'S' of RSVP
25. Beer barrel
27. Topple
28. Penguin of Antarctica
31. Mr. Fiennes of flicks
34. Broaden
35. Southern Alberta town
36. Seasonal ailment
39. Competition for the Milwaukee Brewers at #17-Across: 3 wds.
42. 1913 tune: "Peg _' _ Heart"
43. 1998 Edwin McCain song: 2 wds.
44. Tuesday, in Montreal
45. Every seven days, _ _ week
46. Rats and cockroaches, to a homeowner
47. Christopher Plummer film role, Captain _ von Trapp
50. Slimy stuff
52. Droop
53. Celebrity chef Emeril
56. Braid
59. Egyptian sun god, variantly
60. 1B to 3B in baseball
64. Movie director, Nicolas _
65. Shakespeare's river
66. Double and Triple in baseball
67. 'Susp' suffix
68. Ancient harp
69. Vehicle variety

DOWN
1. Baseball player, e.g.
2. Oz hopper
3. Way to undampen the clothes from the washing machine: 2 wds.
4. Reykjavik is its cap.
5. "Away ants!"
6. Ingrid Bergman, for one
7. "Rain _" (1988)
8. Completed
9. Roasted lamb sandwich
10. Winged/haloed being
11. Worker, informally
12. "Do It _" by Steely Dan
13. Fit
18. Nudge
22. Chocolate _ (Ice cream flavour)
23. Carried out a task, _ _ it
24. 'Burn the midnight oil', for example
26. Assortment/variety: 2 wds.
29. Mr. Sayer of songs
30. Baseball normally has nine
32. Having the means
33. Bucharest money
35. Lacquered metalware
36. Grange
37. Merle Oberon title role film of 1941
38. Putting into service
40. "No Scrubs" trio
41. _ of jam
45. Seville, for one
46. Mouse-like critter
47. TV screen problem
48. Toronto _ Centre
49. S-shaped mouldings
51. Express a thought
54. Earth crust's upper layer
55. Greenly admire
57. Snow-peaked mountains in Europe
58. Eric of "Monty Python's Flying Circus"
61. Favouring
62. Scandinavian rug
63. US tax ID

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Expect a surprise from a friend or partner today, because today is a bit of a crapshoot. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Things at work will be unpredictable. It's a classic day for staff shortages, computer crashes, cancelled meetings and mixed-up communications. Fasten your seatbelt!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant if you are a parent. It's also an unpredictable day for social occasions and romantic get-togethers. Expect delays and cancellations.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Small appliances might break down at home today or minor breakages could occur. Something unusual will change your home routine.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Later in the day, you might want to do some long-term planning.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep an eye on your money today, because things are unpredictable. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is an up-and-down day for you. The only thing you can do is go with the flow. Be flexible when it comes to your ever-changing schedule.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel restless today. That's OK, because this is a restless day. Ironically, it eventually will settle into a practical, solid routine.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend will surprise you today. Alternatively, you might meet someone new today who is a real character. At least, it's not a boring day.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Go gently during important discussions with parents and bosses today, because something unexpected might catch you off guard. Think before you react. Be aware and mindful.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans are unpredictable today. You might suddenly have to travel for unexpected reasons, or planned travel might be interrupted or cancelled.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Double-check all details pertaining to shared property, banking, taxes and debt today, because something is awry. Make sure you know what's going on.

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